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FOREWARD

Dear Readers.

The Lord God Almighty, has kept the prophecies Shrouded in secrecy, till the end of times; revealed them in these last days, so that many may repent and "be purified, and made white and tried."

The author has undertaken to write this book, from the experience he has gained by the Grace of God and has tried to prove by prophecies how the world is going through a period of crises, leading to the destruction of the world; before the advent of our Lord; He has also tried to show what His people should do to face these crises, and has described how all the prophecies have been accurately fulfilled with regard to Israelites the chosen people of God.

For the convenience of the readers, all the texts are fully quoted here. Nevertheless for a clear understanding of the prophecies, they should read it with the help of the Bible. Regarding the prophecies relating to the war, we are sure that many people who were in Burma during the war-time will testify to the truth and accuracy of the statements contained in this book.

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This book has been priced cheap, so that it may be within the easy reach of all.

Yours in the service of the Lord.

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PROPHECIES.

The prophecies are not written by human knowledge, as some presume them to be. The Holy Scripture proclaims that they are written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man : but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy-Ghost"—2 Peter I : 21.

The prophecies were written about the past, present and future times. World history, testifies to the fact that these were fulfilled in due time. It is sad to note, that although the prophecies were fulfilling in due season, according to the divine plan, mankind is not able to comprehend them. Let us see what God says about this:-

"Remember the former things of old : for I am God, and there is none else : I am God, and there is none like me.

Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying. My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure : "(Isaiah 46 : 9 - 10; 48 : 13).

Since the last 30 years, the day of this age had commenced. The Day here does not refer to 24 hours day. The period of Tribulation met out to the world is called "day", in Biblical language. Therefore it can be said that the period of Tribulation commenced from 1914.

The question put to Jesus by his disciples.

When Jesus was seated on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him alone and asked him "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

He then told them as follows :-

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled..... For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places" - (Math. 24 : 3 - 8)

The question posed by the disciples in the 3rd verse was not a common one. They knew well that Lord Jesus Christ after His crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension would surely come back to the world. Therefore it must be

understood that those questions which they asked 2000 years ago, pertain to the end of this world.

Rumours of War.

In Mathew 24 : 6, it is written that "ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars." If we note well, since the World War I, we are hearing about the news of wars very often. The last 32 years have seen the world conditions to be in a great turmoil. The situation of the world since then has gradually deteriorated, culminating in a series of crises which have defied solution.

Let us consider Math 24 : 7 which says, "Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom" As we are well aware, there is no love lost between nations and kingdom. Lack of trust has led to mutual distrust and apprehensions, which in turn have created an atmosphere of discord. The nations of the world are non-plussed. Even the United Nations Organisation, particularly the Security Council, remains a mute spectator at these happenings.

The passing of time has witnessed frequent strikes, bickerings, strifes, deaths and jealousies. This is the way of the world.

The leaders and diplomats of the world are unable to find the causes of the same and are therefore powerless to remedy them.

In addition to political chaos, there are great disturbances in nature. The forces of nature are becoming formidable and are manifesting in cyclones, typhoons, earthquakes, floods, loss of crops due to abundance of rainfall or lack of rainfall, famines and pestilences. incurable diseases and are pestering people every where

"Lord Jesus Christ has declared that all these are the beginning of sorrows."

World War No. I and its results

The first World War of 1914-1918 which unleashed a period of slaughter and destruction of human lives and property, came to an end with the end of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, in which the late Woodrow Wilson President of America played a dominant role in moulding public opinion through his wellknown "Fourteen Points" and laid the foundations for peace. Prophecies relating to this war will be discussed in later chapters.

The destruction wrought by this war is unprecedented in the history of the world. The loss of property, the number of people killed or maimed for life ran to staggering figures. The war brought in its train abject misery and the wailings of widows and orphans rent the air. Many young men in the prime of their lives,

become cruel victims of war by being maimed for life. Many women who looked at the wounded and the maimed in the hospital, cried in despair and wondered at the callousness and cruelty of war. They all spoke in unision, that the world cannot endure another such war.

Since then many women called for big mass meetings in England and Europe to protest against such suicidal war and appealed to the big powers of the world to outlaw war in future.

The League of Nations emerged in 1919 and it assured the nations of the world that it could save the world from future wars. 53 nations of the world joined in this league and the peoples of the world pinned their hopes on this organisation that it will usher in a period of peace and tranquillity.

Even from its inception, the League had certain inherent weaknesses. Major powers like Russia & Japan did not join it and cold-shouldered it. The aggression of Japan on the Chinese mainland and the rise of fascist powers like Germany and Italy with their brazen acts of aggression discredited the standing of the League and the peace loving people of many lands were disillusioned.

Kaiser who provoked War in Germany, lost his balance of mind, but the fascist forces gained

momentum under Hitler and embarked upon acts of aggrandizement.

World war No. 2.

The declaration of war in 1939, by Hitler came as a bolt from the blue. The nations of the world found themselves swamped, as if by a deluge by the war. It is said that England trembled with fear on the declaration of war. Men, Women, Children and old people sobbed with alarm. Joseph Chamberlain, a great British Statesman flew to Germany and pleaded with Hitler to bring about rapprochement, but the mission of peace failed ignominiously and the ambassador of peace returned to England with a heavy heart. On the failure of the peace parlance, the British army was seized with dismay. The words of the Prophet Isaiah, fulfilled in this. "Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without : the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly." - Isaiah 33 : 7.

The prophet Ezekiel has expressed the following words regarding peace - "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there be none. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall clothed with desolation and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled-Ezekiel, 7 : 25 - 27.

In the Second World War, Hitler made the whole of Europe tremble and wrought great destruction. "A noise shall come even to the ends

of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh, he will give them that are wicked to the sword saith the Lord". Jeremiah 25 : 31-33.

How the Lord used Kaiser and Hitler to punish the world in the last two wars will be discussed in later chapters.

Although the world has borne the brunt of two major wars in the last two decades, there is no visible change in the attitude of people, nor there is repentance in their hearts. "Thou has stricken them, but they have not grieved thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction"—Jeremiah 5 : 3.

United Nations Security Council.

After the cessation of II World War, the Big Three namely Mr. Churchill, President Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin met in conference on April 25, 1945. to discuss the proposal of having, organisation for the maintenance of World peace. Invitations were sent to 50 nations and after holding a conference, United Nations Organisation was formed. The most effective body of the U. N. O. is the Security Council which acts as the peace-maker and the policeman. By using the veto in the Security Council the power blocks of

the world jeopardised world peace and "Security" became non-existent in many parts of the world.

In Korea, the Security Council failed to establish peace and much innocent blood was shed before some sort of peace was established. The question of Kashmir which is a bone of contention between India and Pakistan is still hanging fire, and the S. C. is simply protracting the affair without bringing about any solution. The various Commissions which visited Kashmir under the auspices of the U. N. O. wasted much money and precious time, but all their attempts proved futile. The latest Jarring mission also proved a failure.

The Suez problem, the Arab-Israel dispute and the power politics between the American and the Soviet blocks are driving the world towards the brink of another abysmal war.

The race for armaments and the stock-piling of lethal weapons. Atomic and hydrogen bombs are sure to spell destruction to the world. We will be labouring under a delusion to think that the possessors of these weapons will desist from using them. Although the hoarders of these weapons declare from house tops that they are purely meant for defensive purposes, history is replete with examples where the mighty powers have unhesitatingly used them without any

compunction. It is a sad commentary that money which can be used to eradicate poverty, disease and want in the world is being used for destructive purposes.

Japaneess War And Its Destruction.

War came to South East Asia with the entry of Japan in the 1st World War. One by one the countries of the east fell before the might of the Japanese army. Rangoon the capital of Burma, which was then under the British rule, was subjected to severe aerial bombing and machine-gunning. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the author of this book could not evacuate to India and was therefore obligated to witness the grim tragedies of the war with all its hideousness.

Space does not permit me to elaborate on the cruelties perpetrated by the aggressors. Later on the Allies (Britain & America) struck back with all their fury and the destruction and loss of lives knew no bounds. For 3½ years we underwent untold sufferings due to bombings and Japanese aggression. The misery and privations suffered by us are beyond description. But thanks be to the Lord who by His unbounded love saved us from the jaws of death. How the prophecies were fulfilled with wonderful accuracy

and tallied with the incidents which we saw during the war is noted below.

Prophecies of Jeremiah Regarding war.

War and its cruelties were well visualised by Prophet Jeremiah, who in his vision B. C. 612 describes it as follows :

“My bowels, my bowels. I am pained at my very heart, my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.

Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a mement.

How long shall I see the standard and hear the sound of the trumpet? (As soon as bombers approached the city, red flags were hoisted in many parts of the city to warn people of the approaching danger. Further, loud wailing sounds were heard from the sirens which were installed in many parts of the city. On hearing the sirens our hearts sank low. People rushed into the trenches for safety.

The prophet Ezekiel gives a graphic account of trenches in Isaiah 2:19.

"And they shall go into the holes of the rocks and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

In spite of the trenches there was no safety for our lives. It is sad to relate that a certain family, which we know very well, were buried alive in the trench. For three years we spent our lives day and night inside the trench. The explosion of bombs and the rattling of machine guns caused the earth to tremble. We could not bear this terrific noise. Many died due to shock, while others became stone deaf. It is needless to mention about the maimed.

AERIAL RAID

Let us see what prophet Isaiah has to say about aerial warfare.

"They come from far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land" - Isaiah 13 : 5. For 3 years the bombers used to come over Burma laden with bombs, from a far country and were released over Burma. It is only by the Grace of the Almighty that we were able to escape destruction.

The destruction wrought in the cities due to aerial bombing is well illustrated by Prophet Isaiah, who prophesied in 713 B. C. as follows :-
 "In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction" - Isaiah 24 : 12.

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children from without, and the young men from the streets." Jeremiah 9 : 21. These prophecies were fulfilled with startling accuracy in Rangoon and many other parts of the world, wherever there was war. We have witnessed these with our own eyes. But very few know that there are such remarkable prophecies.

The people of Rangoon, who were ignorant about the horrors of war, fell a prey to the Japanese bombing, machine-gunning and strafing on 23rd December 1941. It was a gruesome spectacle to see the corpses of people lying in the nooks and corners of the town. The survivors fled away from the town trampling over the dead bodies. Some of our relations had to cross over the corpses. Their feet touched the dead bodies and stumbled. Naham 3 : 3.

The prophecy was fulfilled literally with wonderful accuracy.

Bombs Machine Guns & incendiary Bombs

Let us see what Job has to say regarding bombs, machine guns and incendiary bombs "He shall flee from the iron weapon and the bow of steel shall strike him through" Job 20 : 24. The iron weapon is compared to bomb and the steel bow to machine gun bullet.

Regarding incendiary bombs it say, "a fire not blown shall consume him; it shall go ill with that is left in his tabernacle Job 20 : 26.

The incendiary bombs, which were made of highly inflammable petrol jelly fell on dwelling places and burnt the things to ashes. Sometimes we were subjected to triple attack bombing, machine gunning and incendiary bombs

Whereever the incendiary bombs fell, there was utter destruction. Zephaniah says "I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord". I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked, and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord. Zephaniah 1 : 2 - 3.

Lack of space restrains from describing about the destruction which were wrought on Hiroshima and Nagasaki by atomic bombs on 6th August 1945.

EARTHQUAKES.

Scientists have advanced theories to say, that due to excessive heat in the bowels of the earth and as a result of the presence of sulphur and other chemicals, the earth occasionally reels, causing earthquakes and tremors. But it is thought by many experienced people that this theory is

not proper; for even in places free from sulphur and other chemicals earthquakes are a common feature. This therefore, leads us to the belief that earthquakes are caused by the power of God;

Earthquakes are formidable. Their destructibility and power are beyond comprehension few can withstand them.

See the vivid description of Isarah regarding an earthquake :-

“Fear, and the pit and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth...for the windows from on high are open, and foundations of the earth do shake.”

The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression there of shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall and not rise again “Isaiah 24 : 17, 20.

The Lisbon earthquake of 1st November 1755 is vivid in the history of recent times.

“At twenty minutes to ten that morning, Lisbon was firm and magnificent, on one of the most picturesque and commanding sites in the world - In six minutes the city was in ruins..... Half the world felt the convulsion.

The effects of the earthquake, were distributed over very nearly four millions of square English miles of the earth's surface . a most astonishing space :

"The History and Philosophy of Earthquakes J. Nourse P. 334. London. Here is an eye-witness account of the same :- "Almost all the places and large churches were rent down or part fallen and scarce one house of this vast city is left habitable. Everybody that was not crushed to death ran out into the large places, and those near the river ran down to save themselves by boats, or any other floating convenience, running, crying and calling to the ships for assistance, but whilst multitudes were gathered near the riverside, the water rose to such a height that it over flowed the lower part of the city, which so terrified the miserable and already dismayed inhabitants who ran to and fro with dreadful cries, which we heard plainly on board, that it made them believe the dissolution of the world.

In recent years earthquakes have wrought havoc in many parts of the world. Burma experienced a serious earthquake in 1930 - Pegu an important town was laid low. In 1932 - Quetta in India experienced a worse earthquake resulting in the destruction of three-fourths of the city.

Similarly from distant Japan to Greece, earthquakes have taken a heavy toll in human lives and mercilessly reduced the prosperous cities to shambles.

It is a known fact, corroborated by the seismologists that the intensity and frequency of earthquakes have increased as decades have rolled by. Not a day passes in the world, without an earthquake or a tremor happening in some part or the other.

Well has Lord Jesus Christ said, "...there shall be famines, and pestilences and *earthquakes* in divers places. "Mathew 24 : 7.

This leads us to the conclusion that earthquakes occur due to the intervention of the Hand of God.

FALLING STARS.

Text :- Immediately after the tribulation of these days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. Mathew 24 : 29. !

Falling Stars :- This wonderful phenomena as prophesied by our Saviour in Mathew 24 : 29 was anticipated in 1697, but was actually fulfilled in 1833. "Stars falling from heaven". By

this we are not to understand that either fix stars or planets would fall on earth, as if either of these should stumble from the skies and rack the earth they would break it all to pieces and swallow it up as the sea does a sinking ship. It therefore necessary, by these stars, to understand either fiery meteors falling from the middle region of the air, or comets and blazing stars.

Falling stars of 1833 : This wonderful prophecy was fulfilled in the year 1833, and was recorded by historians and astronomers as the 'Sign of the Second Advent' This is what Fredrick A. Douglass states in his book "My Bondage and My Freedom."

"I witnessed this gorgeous spectacle and was awe-struck. The air seemed filled with bright descending messengers from the sky. It was not without the suggestion at that moment that it might be the HARBINGER OF THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN; and in my state of mind I was prepared to hail Him as my friend and deliverer. I had read that stars should fall from heaven, and they were now falling. I was suffering much in my mind and I was beginning to look away to heaven for the rest denied me on earth."

Similar such witnesses can be had from "The Portland Evening Advertiser, Nov. 26, 1833," "The Encyclopedia Americana art. Meteors or shooting stars."

In 1864, Professor Newon of New Haven showed by an examination of the old records that there had been a number of great meteoric showers in November, at intervals of 33 or 34 years, and predicted a repetition of the shower on Nov. 13 or 14 1866. This shower occurred as predicated and was observed in Europe,

Falling Stars Of 1833 In England.

"In the night between Tuesday and Wednesday, first one meteor and then another shot across the sky. Then they appeared faster than the spectator could count. Some struck the night like sparks from a forge everywhere at once, some to fall on trees and houses - bright to the last. The heaven seemed alive with this unwanted host. There were times when it seemed as if a mighty wind had caught the old stars, loosed them from their holdings, and swept them across the firmament."

Nevertheless, science which dispels so many terrors and proves so many appearances as illusions, could not do so in this instance. Which only proves God's almighty fulfillment of His Prophecy as recorded in Math. : 24 : 29.

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Dark Day :- This Prophecy fulfilled in May 19, 1870, was described by "London Visitor" as :- "This day has been rendered very remarkable by an extraordinary phenomenon, which demands a particular relation. An unusual darkness came on between the hours of ten and eleven in the morning, and continued to increase."

The degree to which this darkness arose was different in different places. In most part of the country it was so great, that the people could not tell the hour by either watch or clock, nor dine, nor manage their domestic business without the light of candles. The birds having sung their evening songs, disappeared and were silent. Pigeons and fowls retired to roost, the cocks crew as at daybreak; objects could be distinguished but at a very little distance; and everything bore the appearance and gloom of night.

The extent of the darkness was extraordinary. It was observed as far East as Falmouth. To the West as Connecticut and Albany. To the South along the seacoasts; and the North as far as the American Settlements. It is said that a vessel

at sea found herself inclosed for a while in a cloud of this darkness, and as she sailed, passed instantly from the verge of it into a clear light.

Reactions to this wonderful phenomenon were that - *Fears of Judgement Day were awaked.* Hosts of people believed the end of the world had begun to come and dropped to their knees to pray in the field, to confess their wrongs and ask forgiveness. The once careless lot, thought of their sins and their Maker.

(2) *Men and Woman were filled with awe and alaram.* Those ordinarily cool, were filled with awe and alarm. Men prayed and women wept. It seems as if a hurricane was about to dash across the land, or as if it was the day of the consumption of all things.

Dr. Nathaniel Whittaker, Pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Salem, held religious services in the meeting house, and preached a sermon in which he maintained that the darkness was supernatural. Congregations came together in many other places. The textes for the...extemporaneous sermons were invariably those that seemed to indicate that the darkness was consonant with scriptual Prophecy. Such texts as these were used : Isa. 13 : 10, Eze 32 : 7-8, Joel 2 : 31, Math 24 : 29.,

That this darkness was not caused by an eclipse, is manifest by the various positions of the planetary bodies at that time. What else could this be? A Prophecy fulfilled.

F A M I N E S

To feed the teeming millions of the world, food grains are essential the food position of the world, has deteriorated much after the 2nd World War, and famines have become common in many parts of the world. Draughts and floods have destroyed the crops resulting in acute food shortage in the world. In 1943, there was a severe outbreak of famine in Bengal. According to the report of the committee appointed by the Government of India, about 15 lakhs of people died of starvation. It is admitted that the number might have been even greater. Besides this, many lakhs of people lost their vitality and were almost reduced to skeletons. In recent years there was famine and scarcity in many other parts of India. The food position of many states is causing no less alarm to the Central Government. The Govt. has opened many fair-price grain shops and opened gruel-kitchens to help the people living in scarcity areas. Food was also imported from many foreign countries to allentiate the distress of the people. Systematic rationing was introduced so that available food grains may

be distributed evenly to the people. The system of rationing became a common feature in many parts of the world. Well has the Lord said, to eat according to measure during famines "And, thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shakels a day" 12 oz. of food was given to people during the famines. (12 oz equals to 20 shekels by weight). Here again we see the wonderful fulfillment of God's prophecy. (Eze 4 : 10)

Let us seek the reason for this famine; according to Prophet Amos - "And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. And also I have withholden the rain for you, when there were yet three months to the harvest : and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city : one place was rained upon and the place whereupon it rained not withered. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew Amos 4 : 6 - 7.....yet have ye not returned saith the Lord. It is high time for mankind to realise the floods and draughts are caused by the Almighty God. If people hearken to God and turn towards Him, to world will be really a paradise with milk and honey flowing.

Floods With Abundant Rain.

Of late, mighty, revers have transgressed

their limits and caused widespread destruction, in the form of floods. Dwelling homes and crops were laid low. In India the waters of the Ganges, the Jamuna, the Ravi, the Sutlej, the Godavari and the Krishna have become turbulent and have overrun the banks, causing great damage to people. The loss in human lives and the damage to standing crops were great. Hundreds and thousands of houses collapsed. Even this year, there was great loss to crops; due to water-logging crops became rotten. People looked at these with helpless eyes, but failed to recognise the cause for these unprecedented troubles. They did not understand that God was responsible for the droughts and the floods. The efforts of farmers to re-do cultivation failed due to want of nurslings.

In the minds of the people, there is great fear about impending food shortage, but the minds of the people are not prepared to submit to the will of God and think about Him.

The author was on an evangelical tour, in Andhra Pradesh during the months of July & August 1953 when the Godavari and Krishna were in spate. We were staying at Narsapur and watched with great alarm, the submergence adjoining areas by floods. We used to resort to the side of the Godavari and pray to God. It took seven days for the

Their soul is melted because of trouble...then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

"Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. Please read also Jeremiah 5 : 22; and Psalm 89 : 9.

We therefore know that, God Almighty has complete control over all the forces of nature.

It would be a good thing for the people, if they kneel down to God pray, when they are confronted with natural calamities. He is sure to relieve them from their distress.

Pestilences And Diseases

The Lord Jesus Christ declared that there shall increase pestilences in the last days Luke 21 : 11.

In spite of marvellous advancements in medical science amazing discoveries in medicine, human ailments have increased in intensity and complexity. Diseases unknown in the past ages, are taking a heavy toll in human lives.

"Then Lord will make thy plagues wonderful and the plagues of the seed, even great plagues

and of long continuance and sore sicknesses and of long continuance."

Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt which thou was afraid of; and they cleave unto thee - (Deut 28 : 59 - 61. Although the above verse relates the Israelites of yore, it refers to the people of the world. Diverse epidemic diseases, smallpox, Cholera, Plague and Tuberculosis are on the increase and playing havoc on the people of the world. In spite of the efforts of the health authorities, diseases are still rampant and the hospitals are overcrowded.

If we analyse the cause of these maladies we can see that it is due to the prevalence of bad habits, like the use of intoxicants, addiction to smoking cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and other habit forming drugs. The doctors are satisfied by just dispensing medicines to the patients but they never warn the people about the danger arising out of the use of these intoxicants etc, without prayer, even drugs however efficacious they may be, will avail nothing.

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" Psalm 103 : 3 Job 36 : 15

It is therefore plain, that when we are afflicted with diseases, we should pray to the

Almighty God, who shall heal us from all diseases and shall deliver our lives from death. In our ministry of healing, we have personal experience of how many were healed of their afflictions - by prayer.

Yet we have heard with dismay, certain news-items that the govt. of Madhya Pradesh (India) have prohibited prayers to be offered in the hospitals for the sick. This, to say the least is deplorable. It is also a challenge to the provisions, guaranteed in the Constitution of India, regarding religious liberty. Such enactments are cruel and forebode evil times that are imminent. Prayer and words of encouragement from priests and visitors go a long way in bringing comfort to the afflicted and solace to their minds. Well has Prophet Isaiah said of such enactments- "Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees"Isaiah 10 : 1.

Atomic Bomb - Hiroshima

In the Second World War, the indiscriminate use of bombs entailed heavy losses in men and material. People presumed that the losses were terrific. But the world stood aghast, when the allies released on Hiroshima in 1945, on August 6th at 8 : 10 A. M., atom bombs the like of which the world never knew hitherto.

It was stated that the city extending for about 4 Sq. miles was completely reduced to shambles. 80,000 people died as a result of the shock, 17 thousand were pulverized and disappeared in the atmosphere. Another 17 thousand sustained serious burns and lost their limbs. It is said, that the smoke and dust which rose in the form of mushrooms reached a height of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Steel structures and other strong edifices also were reduced to ashes in a minute and disappeared into the ether. Atomic-bomb was 6 feet in length. 12,000 workers were employed in the Atom factory and the cost of production was about 50 crores of pounds or 700 crores of rupees. Such a colossal amount of money was expended for this murderous purpose. Is it not diabolical? A representative from India, Mr. Saksena who visited the scene of the disaster has given the above graphic account, which the author gleaned from the newspapers. Scientists have described that the atom bomb is 20 times more destructive than an ordinary bomb.

The Holy writ says, "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 11 Peter 3 : 10-12. Issiah 51 : 6.

Inspite of such destruction, those who fear God and follow his commandments need not be afraid of this.

"A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. "Psalm 91 : 7.

The Importance of 1914

The first World War began in 1914 and I stated in the earlier chapters that this year has got some prophetic significance.

God imposed seven fold punishment on Israel (Jews) for their sins (Leviticus 26 : 18, 21, 24) this refers to seven periods. This can be interpreted as days. According to the biblical year, there are 360 days in a year and 7 years amount to $7 \times 360 = 2520$ days. A year means 1 day and 1 day means 1 year according to Ezekiel 4 : 6.

Punishment Of Israel.

The punishment of Israel commenced in 606 B. C. and ended in 1914. A. D. The Jews were first attacked by Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B. C. and were taken away captives to Babylon. By a simple process of subtraction we arrive at this

2520-606 - 1914. The punishment of Israel ended in 1914. Prophet Isaiah says . "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people...speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned : Isaiah 40 : 1 — 2.

In the midst of World War I, on 8th Sept, 1917. General Allenby took control of Jerusalem from the Turks. This is a fulfillment of Prophecy and marks the end of times of the Gentiles. Luke 21 : 24

The non-Jews are called as gentiles. Turkey being a Mohamedan State is a gentile kingdom. This gentile kingdom ended in 1917, fulfilling the prophecy of Daniel, which is referred below.

The Abomination Of Desolation.

The Angel Gabriel, showed Deniel a vision in which it states "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. (1290 days) Daniel 12 : 11.

Lord Jesus Christ has also stated regarding this abominable thing as follows. "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation

spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

This abomination was introduced three times into the Jew's holy place. First by Antiochus Epiphen in 367 - 364 B. C. Second by the Roman General Titus in 70 A. D., and third time by Turkey a Mohamedan Kingdom. General Titus completely destroyed the Temple of Solomon but the Jews carried on their daily sacrifice on altars built on the sides of Mount Moriah, which was nearby. This was the mount on which Abraham, offered his son Isaac for sacrifice.

When the Turks conquered Jerusalem, they broke down all the altars and forbade rebuilding them. This put an end to the daily sacrifice. This happened in 627 A. D. It is alleged that the Turks desecrated the altars of the Jews, by throwing swine's flesh on them, which is referred to as the abomination. The Turkish Kingdom was set up in 627. A. D. and this year also saw the taking away of the daily sacrifice.

Accorning to Gabriel's vision to Daniel the Turkish Kingdom was to last for 1290 years. Adding 1290 to 627 brings us to 1917 the year in which Gen. Allenby liberated Jerusalem from the hands of the Turks-what an accurate fulfilling of prophecy?*

How Jerusalem Was Set Free.

In 1917, the Allied forces overran Mesopotamia and Baghdad. The Turkish forces stationed in Jerusalem saw this and strengthened their defences to meet the Allied army. But all the plans of the Turks to retain Jerusalem were foiled.

General Allenby sent 100 aeroplanes over Jerusalem on 8th Sept. 1917, from the allied air base. The Turkish army was thrown into confusion when it saw the planes hovering over them and lost its nerves at the horrible drone. The Turkish soldiers lost their morale and ran away helter skelter from Jerusalem. Their Commander was seized with dismay and ran to the Mayor and signed the surrender of Jerusalem and left hurriedly. It is stated that the Turkish army could not carry away even a trinket from Jerusalem. The British army on the otherhand secured immense booty

The planes flew over the houses and the inhabitants looked at them with great wonder and exclaimed - "Who are these flying like doves? prophet Isaiah said, "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?"-

See how the Lord has saved Jerusalem "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it and passing over he will preserve it" Isaiah 31 : 5. Deut. 32 : 11.

So dear reader! see how the Lord brings about the fulfillment of His prophecies.

Jewish Problem The Creation Of The State Of Israel.

The Jews are looked upon as despised people in the world. In accordance with the prophecy of Jesus Christ, they were led away as captives amidst strange people.

"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword. and shall be led away captive into all nations":- Luke 21 : 24.

Hitler alone exterminated mercilessly 60 lakhs of Jews, during his anti-semitic campaign. They were subjected to all sorts of humiliation, in the German concentration camps. At last freedom dawned on them, with the creation of the state of Israel.

According to the Belfour declaration of 1922 Palestine was given to the Jews as homeland; by the League of Nations. Since then, despite

many obstacles, Jews are pouring into Jerusalem. At the beginning many restrictions were imposed on the immigrants, but gradually they were lifted. It is stated that in 1918 ten lakhs of Jews entered Palestine. The state of Israel emerged as a free country and joined the comity of Nations on 14th May 1948, Israel, since its inception has made rapid strides. It is making phenomenal progress in every direction and has stabilised her economic structure. It is a matter of great astonishment that the sky has opened it rains in Israel now a land which was mainly desert in the past. Now gardens and vineyards are blooming and everywhere there is a carpet of green verdure. In spite of this progress, it is to be remembered that all this transformation has not come about by the strength of the Israelis but by the might of God. It is the strangers of the world, who have helped in the establishment of Israel. "And the people shall take them and bring them to their place." Isaiah 14 : 2.

Jews who were scattered in different parts of the world are coming back to Palestine, in hundreds. God is bringing them on "eagle's wings"- wings" aeroplanes - Deut. 32 : 11. The coming back of Israel is sign of the end of the world. It is the Almighty God, who is guiding them back to Palestine. Here are some of the prophecies which relate the return of the Jews.

"Behold. I will bring them from the north country. and gather them from the coasts of the earth and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together; a great company shall return thither."

"They shall come with weeping and with supplications will I lead them." Jeremiah 31 : 8-9.

"I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return and will build them as at the first" Jer. 33 : 7.

"For I will take you from among the heathen and gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land. "Ezekiel 36 : 24. and 36 : 10 - 20.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people... .. and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. " Isaiah 11 : 11 - 12.

"The Lord has said that he will rebuild the desolate places. Please read Ezekiel" 36:10 - 11, Amos 9 : 14 - 15, Isaiah 61 : 4.

Desolate and ruined places in and around Jerusalem are being rebuilt now. We have

graphic account of this, in the "Zion Reporter" from Jerusalem. The present age is noted for the wonderful away in which prophecies are being fulfilled.

"And their governors shall proceed from the midst of them." Jer. 30 : 21.

Jesus was born among the Jews - Therefore he was Jew. He will set up the throne of his father David in Jerusalem and is about to come to the earth to rule over them. At the time of his crucifixion it was superscribed that he was the King of the Jews. And time has come for that word to be fulfilled.

Due to pressure on space, we are ending this topic here. If the Lord helps we hope to write a separate book on the Jews.

The disciples of Jesus Christ asked him whether he would restore the kingdom of Israel to them. Jesus then replied unto them-"It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. Acts 1 : 6 - 7.

We now come to know through the prophecies that the time for the restoration of the

kingdom of Israel is at hand. The prophecies relating to Israel are really worthy of note.

1290 Prophetic Days

In Daniel 12 : 11 we have seen about the abomination of Desolation, which put an end to the daily sacrifice. This happened in 1917. The angle Gabriel told Daniel to wait for 1335 days. (Daniel 12 ; 12)

The year in which the daily sarifice was 627. Adding 627 to 1335 will give us 627 - 1335 - 1962. The Angel told Daniel to rest and added "Stand thy lot at the end of the days." We therefore see that Daniel also will receive his reward at the end. When is the end then?

According to Bible calculation a generation equals 45 years. The period of the end of the gentiles and the time when the abomination of desolation was removed was 1917. Adding 45 to 1917 will give us 1962. In this age of unbelief we cannot with certainty establish the date. God has in his hand times and seasons. Nevertheless the yardstick of God is inexorable.

The Dream Of Nebnchadnezzar.

Accoriding to the second chapter of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar dreamt a dream. which ne no wise man was able to explain. This led the

king to kill all his wise men. On hearing this Daniel went to the king and undertook to explain the meaning of the dream. Daniel prayed the whole night and God revealed the meaning of the dream to him. He came to the king and said as follows :- "But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchandnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thou, O King, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold, broken to pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. Danile 2 : 28 - 35.

Daniel explained the meaning of the dream to the king. Please read Daniel 2 : 35 - 45 and

you will also understand the significance of the dream.

The dream described in detail about 5 kingdoms. Let us see when these kingdoms came to existence and when they ended.

The Four Universal Kingdoms Of This World.

The First Kingdom was gold...Chaldean Babylonian.

Babylonian Kindom...B. C. 606 - 538.

Second - Silver Medo Persian Empire - B. C. 538 - 331.

Third - Bras - The Kingdom of Greece. B. C. 331 - 161.

Forth - Iron - The Roman Empire and B. C. 161 - to A. D. 483.

The Roman Empire disintegrated and ten Kingdoms arose out of it. The toes of the image represent the ten kingdoms. The feet as we are aware was made of clay and iron mixed together. This signified the disunity among the kingdoms. The names of the ten kingdoms are as follows :-

(1) The Huns (2) The Astorgoths (3) The Visigoths (4) The Franks (5) The Vandals (6) The Suevi (7) The Burgundians (8) The Heruli (9) The

Anglo-Saxons (10) The Lombards. In course of time these names disappeared and new names emerged - like Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, Britain; The Anglo Saxons are the English. The above ten kingdoms existed between 351 - 483.

In accordance with the divine plan these four kingdoms dominated the world scene for a span of period and disappeared. Later on however, emperors like Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV and Napoleon, wanted to establish their hegemony over the entire world and failed miserably in their attempts.

The Fifth Universal Kingdom.

Let us see about the Fifth Kingdom.

A stone was cut without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay and brake them to pieces.

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floor; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them, and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. : .

This is the kingdom which will be established by Lord Jesus Christ. The prophet Daniel told the king that the dream is certain and trustworthy. World history has testified the accurate fulfillment of the Dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

As seen by us in the earlier chapter, Napoleon in 1815, Kaiser in 1914 and Mussolini in 1936 and Hitler in 1939 dreamed of establishing world wide kingdoms but their aspirations were dashed to the ground.

This leads us to query, whether the coming kingdom will be dominated by America or Russia two of the top most countries of the world. Let us see what Prophet Daniel has to say about this fifth kingdom :

"And the kingdom and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him"- Daniel. 7 : 27 and 2 : 44

Let us see who shall be the king of this dominion. "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion...Thou art my son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me. and I shall give thee the heathen for thy inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Psalm 2 : 5 - 7.

The Prophet Isaiah has prophesised 740 years before Christ that "the government shall be upon his shoulder" Isaiah 9 : 6.

Therefore in accordance with prophecy, Lord Jesus Christ, the son of God will be the king of this Fifth World Kindom. It is needless to add that just as the previous prophecies were fulfilled about the world kingdoms, the prophécý relating to this last kingdom will also be fulfilled. Lack of space constrains us from describing about the kingdom of Christ.

The Reasons For destruction.

The world situation is taking a complicated form as days roll by and the problems besetting the world seem to defy solution.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel : for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing and lying, and killing and stealing committing adultery, and they break out and blood toucheth blood.

Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth there in shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be

taken away."...Hosea 4 : 1 - 3. Seeing the transgressions of the people, God is pleading with mankind through wars. Through the prophet Isaiah we learn that wars are inevitable. Some apportion blame on God, that he is the author of these destructive wars. Let us see what Job has to say on this :

"Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding : for be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.

Yea surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment. Job 34:10-12.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save : neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear.

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2

We have already noted that the big powers of the world have manufactured and stock-piled destructive weapons like the Atom Bomb and the Hydrogen bomb. While there is a race for the production of these suicidal weapons among the mighty nations of the world, they are assuring brazen-facedly that there no danger from these

lethal weapons. Can we remain complacent and smug on the shallow assurances of these powers?

It would be in the best interest of mankind, if these powers of the world, dump, all their stock of these destructive weapons in the bowels of the Pacific Ocean and establish an era of peace and concord. Meanwhile we have read that at least 90 leading cities of America are marked out as possible targets of Atomic Warfare.

The Tower Of The United Nations Security Council.

The Security Council which is a vital organ of the U. N. O. was established with a noble motive, but we find that it has not done anything tangible to keep the "Security" of the world. The disharmony in the Security Council has led to the use of veto, times without number and has vitiated the proceeding. Power politics and personal bickerings have caused the ship of the U. N. O. to run aground on the rocks and shoals of discord and distrust. Well has prophet Hosea said, "They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant, thus judgment springing up as hemlock in the follows of the field" Hesea 10 : 4.

Majority of the leading members of the U. N. O. are Christians but they have failed to

implement the teaching of the Master. They have thrown overboard the fine teachings of tolerance and humility, of the Lord and are brimming with aggressiveness and animosity, - They requidiated the words of Jesus Christ, "whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

In the counsels of the world, they sing peace overtures but at home they egg on their governments to produce more destructive weapons.

Hear the words of the prophet Jeremiah, regarding peace.

"They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Jer 6 : 14.

The Prophet Ezekiel says, there is no knowledge of law among the leaders Ezekiel 7 : 26, "O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths "Isaiah 3 : 12 (Last part)

For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Isaiah 9 : 16.

Due to the above reasons, we cannot pin our faith on the U. N. O. and consider it to be panacea for all the ills of the world. Neither can we believe that it will save us from the danger of war

The deliberations in the council are done without prayer. It is said that prayer to God, is eliminated with a view to please the Russian delegates who are atheists. What good can we expect from such an organisation, where there is no room for the spirit of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prophecy Of Russia (Rosh)

Russia is represented to be a bear in World history. Mighty nations of the world also get unnerved on hearing the name of Russia. It is a matter of common knowledge that in the deliberations of the U. N. O. Russians adopt an adamant attitude and pull down the suggestions of others as a bear pulling a person down and often succeed in getting their views approved.

Russia by a stroke of diplomacy has pushed forward its own brand of 'ism' and has attracted the majority of the masses of the world by the doctrine of communism. In spite of its popularity, we cannot be led away to believe that Russia will be victorious in the world.

Let us see Russia in the light of God's prophecy :-

"Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him."

And say, thus said the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the Chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Ezekiel 38 : 1-4-

It is to be remembered in this connection that, "I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws" - refers to the Russian defeat in the hand of Japan.

In 1901, Russia was annihilated by Japan and had to retreat ignominiously. The "Northern Country" refers to Russia. Please the Bible map. If we were to believe the words of God, Russia will surely taste defeat. Rosh - Russia and Meshak - Moscow. Please read Ezekiel 38 & 39 Chapters for details regarding the role of Russia.

Third World War

The Second World War came to an end in 1945. But soon after there were rumours about another war. It is heartening that so far no war has broken out, although 14 years have elapsed since the cessation of war.

The developments in various parts of the world and the mounting tensions in the Middle East especially over the Suez Canal brought the world on the brink of war. We see that certain forces are working secretly and causing these upheavals. The consensus of world opinion is that these forces will ultimately lead to the Third World War. Pandit Nehru, a keen observer of world affairs has declared recently that surely, the present trend in world affairs is leading to a global war.

The present unrest in the Middle East is setting the stage for the Battle of Armageddon. In Rev. 16 : 13, 14, it is declared that three unclean spirits like frogs have gone out in the world. They are the spirits of the devils. Let us hear in, see what their works are.

“For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of whole world together them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Rev. 16 : 16.

We now see that the forces of the United Nations, including contingents from India are

stationed in the troubled spots of the Middle East to restore law and order and maintain peace.

"And the Sixth angel pured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the East might be prepared. Rev. 16 : 12.

It is observed now that the level of the Euphrates has gone down considerably and time has come for it to dry up. These things are happening according to the prophecies.

The End Of This Age

God did not destroy the world at the time of Noah, by floods without reason. Let us see how the people behaved at that time.

"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God looked the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them, and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. "Genesis 6 : 11 - 13. .

It is written, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it represented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. Genesis 6 : 5 - 7.

We learn from Mathew 24 : 38, that people living in the days of Noah were busy eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage Math 24 : 38. We see therefore that the people were bereft of morality and were away from God. That is why Lord Jesus Christ has compared the end of this age to the days of Noah.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot, they did eat they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded.

But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire from heaven and destroyed them all." Luke 17 : 28 - 30.

People of this age are unable to discern about the end of the world and many are mocking. Let us see what Apostle Peter has to say on this.

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.

And saying, where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things

continue as they were from the begining of the creation.

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water :

Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 11 Peter 3 : 4 - 7.

Dear readers, do not forget the fact that the world is ready for total annihilation by Atom and Hydrogen bombs.

We see that the prophecies foretold by Lord Jesus Chirst regarding the end of this world are being fulfilling accurately. We have tried faithfully to place before you some of the prophecies regarding them.

"So like wise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." Math 24 : 33.

The Third Angel's Message

The seven plagues are considered to be the wrath of God. They are going to visit the world very soon. Therefore God is warning the people of this world through the Third Angel's Message.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people.

Saying with a loud voice, fear God and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come: worship him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters. Rev. 14 : 6 - 7.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand.

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation. Rev. 14 : 9-10.

"He shall suffer punishment in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb.

And they have no rest day or night who worship the beast and his mark". Rev. 14 : 11.

The third angel warned us in a loud voice not to worship the beast or his image.

It is our duty to let you all know who "the beast" is. Rev. 13 : 18 says - "Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred three score and six." (666)

This number 666 is inscribed on the crown of the Pope the head of the Roman Catholic Church in the following manner It is written in Latin *Vicarius Filii Dei* - translating this we get the number 666.

Mark Of The Beast

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The meaning of these words is *Vicegerent of the Son of God*, or the Representative of Jesus Christ.

The Pope has exalated himself and has kept this title.

Let us see what Prophet Daniel has to say about him.

“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the

most High, and think to change times and laws : and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7 : 25.

World history has recorded the fact that in the dark ages, the Pope has persecuted and killed the saints of God. For a period of 1260 days. They had them in their grip and did what they pleased with them. •

Just as it was predicated that he would change "times and Laws" he has changed the *Seventh Day Sabbatu from Saturday to Sunday*. There is ample evidence for this. The Sabbath was given as a memorial of creation to Adam and his progeny that is ourselves. Therefore there is no meaning in the contention that it was given to the Jews only. The Pope has declared that it is he who has changed the Sabbath Therefore Sunday belongs to the Pope. The Seventh Day Sabbath belongs to God the creator. "Six days shall thou labour and do all thy work : But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; "Exodus 20 : 9 - 10.

The first angel has exhorted us to "Fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come." We must therefore "Worship him that made heaven and earth, and the sea and the fountains of waters." Rev. 14 : 7. •

Therefore dear reader, whom must we worship, God the creator of this Universe who has made the Kingdoms of this world or man? Please decide for yourself.

The Seven Last Plagues

In Rev. 15 : 1 it is declared that seven angels are having the seven last plagues.

These seven angels are holding seven vials containing the seven last plagues, which is the wrath of God.

In the 16th Chapter verse 1, these angels are ordered to pour out the vials on the earth.

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image Rev. 16 : 2 this is the first plague.

Second plague :- The sea becomes as the blood of a dead man and every living soul died in the sea. 3rd verse.

Third plague :- The waters of the rivers and fountains become blood. 4th verse.

Fourth plague :- The sun scorches men with fire. 8th verse.

Fifth plague :- Darkness covers the seat of the beast and his kingdom 10th verse,

Sixth plague :- The great river Euphrates dries up and *the kings of the east are gathered to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.* Rev. 16 : 12 - 15.

Seventh plague :- There shall be voices, and thunders and lightnings and a great earthquake (such as was not since men were upon the earth) and a hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent (5 mounds.) Rev. 16 : 17 - 21.

Please read the above verses fully, with this comes the end of God's wrath.

The millenium starts after these events.

The Second Comming Of Christ

The Angel Gabriel declared to mary. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shall call him Jesus.

He shall be great and shall be called the son of the Highest : and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David :

And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1 : 31 33.

In accordance with the saying of the angel, Jesus was born, grew up, administred to the people, was crucified and buried in a sepulchre and resurrected and ascended to heaven and is seated on the right hand of God.

But we see here that what is said in verse 32 "That he shall sit on the throne of his father David" is not fulfilled.

We can notice innumerable signs, regarding the second coming of Jesus Christ. The manner of his coming is as follows :-

"And then shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven : and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Math. 24 : 30, 31.

This is called as the "reaping phase" Please Read Rev. 14 : 14 - 16.

It is important to note, where these gathered shall be taken away? "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel, and with the trumpet of God;

and the dead in Christ shall rise first : then we which are alive, and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air : I Thessalonians 4 : 16 - 17.

As the Lord ascended by clouds into heaven, so he shall return by clouds.

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." Acts 1 : 9.

The angels testified to the onlookers "why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1 : 11. This verse sets at rest all doubts and assures that Jesus shall come back on clouds. Let us see the prophecy regarding it: "who maketh the clouds his chariot : who walketh upon the wings of the wind Psalm 104 : 3 (Second part.)

We have seen in I Thes. 4 : 17, that we shall be taken away by clouds to meet the Lord. Where these elected saints of the Lord shall be taken is not mentioned in detail here. But we have biblical evidence to show that Jesus Christ shall bring with him the New Jerusalem and keep it above the world in the sky. This is a special topic. Due to pressure on space it is not possible

to include that topic here. Those interested in the study of it can correspond with us.

Now we are left with the question, as to who shall be taken away by clouds.

Is it possible for those who disobey the commandments of God, to be taken away by clouds? to think in that manner is to labour under a delusion.

In connection with the second coming of Christ, there are two phases the "Reaping Phase" and the "*Warring Phase*". Let us briefly see them here.

The Reaping Phase.

"And I looked and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud, one sat like unto the son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, thrust in thy sickle and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. Rev. 14 : 14 - 16.

The reaping of the earth here symbolises the gathering of people.

"And then shall they see the son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

And then shall he send his angels and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven " Mark 13 : 26 - 27

Warring Phase

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood : and his name is called the *Word of God*.

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations : and he shall rule them with a rod of iron : and he treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh, a name written, King of Kings and Lord of Lords :
Rev. 19 : 11 - 16.

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun: and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God.

That ye may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of captains and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men both free and bond, both small and great" Rev. 19 - 18. Please read also Ezekiel 39 : 17 - 20.

Note :- This battle will take place in the valley of Jehoshapat, which is 50 miles away from Jerusalem. Therefore the Lord is calling all the birds of the air to come and eat the corpses of these who are dead in battle. It is reported by one of the representatives of the Church of God, who visited Jerusalem recently, that thousands and thousands of eagles which were not there before are now gathering in the forests adjoining Jerusalem. It looks as if God is keeping them in readiness for the forth-coming "Supper" This shall happen in the battle of Armageddon the sixth Plague. Rev. 16 : 14 - 15.

It is need less to say that this prophecy also will be fulfilled literally as other prophecies

have fulfilled. Lord Jesus Christ will take part in this battle and be victorious.

THE ARABS

The Arabs are easterns. They live in Arabia which is situated in the south of Palestine and the land of Moabs. They are Ishmalites and are descendents of Esau.

Esau, as we know is the eldest son of Isaac but he did not receive the blessings from his father. Esau & Jacob were twins. Circumstance conspired to deprive Esau of the blessings and therefore he received blessings from his father Isaac.

Isaac said - "Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; (Gen 27 : 39.)

And by thy sword shall thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

Due to this reason, Arabia is without much rains - crops are sparse. They live by hunting animals and also sometimes by robbing travellers. Due to the wrath of God, the Israelites were driven out from Palestine in the first century.

A. D. & the land was occupied by the Arabs for 1300 years. Now the Arabs are arguing that by right of possession the land belongs to them. It is quite natural argument too.

Nevertheless, Jehovah will redeem the promise which he had made to the Jews and their ancestors. In accordance with the promise made to Abraham, He will bring back the Jews again to Palestine. These promises are in Genesis 12 : 2 3, 7. 13 : 14 - 15.

What did the Lord say regarding the Jews :-

"For I will set mine eyes upon them for good and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up." Jer. 24 : 6 and 31 : 28.

God says "I will hiss for them, and gather them." Zech. 10 : 8; Isaiah 5 : 26.

Therefore it is to be noted that that even though the whole world turns against Jews, God will lead them back to Israel. World attention is being focussed on Israel more and more in recent times.

Let us hear from prophecy, the fate of Egypt: "The word of the Lord came again unto me

saying, son of man, prophesy and say, thus saith the Lord God; Howl ye; woe worth the day.

For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day it shall be the time of the heathen.

And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down.

Ethiopia, and Libya, and lydia and all the mingled people and chub and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword " Ezekiel 30 : 1 - 5. (Arab league)

Jehovah God says - They also that uphold Egypt shall fall" and the pride of her power shall come down. Ezekiel 30 : 6, 7, 9.

These are the pictures we see painted by the sure word of the prophecy of God, but notions are differen. We have to watch and see the turn of events.

The Millenium (1000 Years Reign)

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled. Rev. 20 : 1 - 2.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them. and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their fore-heads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection : and on such the second death had no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. Rev. 20 : 4 - 6.

We see from the foregoing texts that all those who did not worship the beast nor had received the mark lived and reigned with Jesus for a thousand years. We have already described about the number of the beast i.e. 666 and the seven last

plagues. *The beast therefore represents the Pope.* All those who received his mark have no share in the millenium. It is stated that the rest of the dead lived not again for a thousand years. This shows therefore that there are two resurrections. *First* when Lord Jesus Christ comes and *Second* after the millenium.

Those who take part in the first resurrection are called blessed. They are declared to be righteous and reign with Christ for a thousand years. They become priests to God and Christ and obtain the gift of everlasting life.

The second resurrection is death. They resurrect to receive their punishment. They are ultimately destroyed by fire and therefore they do not exist anymore.

“And when the thousand years are expired satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, together them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints

about, and the beloved city : (New Jerusalem) and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. Rev. 20 : 7 - 9. This is the second death which leads to eternal destruction.

It is thought by some that during the millenium the world will be desolate and void. Especially the Seventh Day Adventists are teaching this doctrine. •This is erroneous.

But the word of God declares that during the millenium the world will be a fruitful, Even the cruel animals and poisonous creatures will cease to be harmful.

Let us see the promise of God to Noah, after the deluge. "I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite anymore everything living, as I have done.

While the earth remaineth, seedtime harvest, and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8: 21. some teach that the elect reign in the sky; but this is scriptually untenable.

For thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue, and people, and nation. "

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and "we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5 : 10.

It is further stated that "his dominion shall be from sea even to sea and from the river even to the ends of the earth" Zech. 9 : 10 and Psalm 72 : 8. It is needless to say that seas are on the earth and therefore Jesus shall reign over the earth.

The Lord himself has said that cruel animals will not do any harm in his reign.

"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock : and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord" - Isaiah - 65 : 25.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and the little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain. "Isaiah 11 : 6 - 9.

"There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days : for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.

We see that there are three categories of children to play with the cruel animals, boys, suckling children and the weaned. Blessed are those people who can see the establishment of such a safe and peaceful kingdom.

JERUSALEM

It is a matter of common knowledge that the neighbouring powers of Jerusalem and other nations are thinking that it is an easy task to conquer Jerusalem. Therefore they are looking down on Jerusalem. They forget the fact that Jehovah God is its ruler and hence are eager to wage war on it. Since Israel has attained independence, the neighbouring Arab Countries are leading incursions into it. There are constant border skirmishes also.

When the British withdrew in 1948, the king of Jordan made preparations to attack Jerusalem in a surprise and sudden attack. It was stated in the papers that at this time the Israelis did not number more than 5 or 6 hundred and they were lacking in guns and other armaments. They were ill-equipped to handle them. Some were armed only with the branches of trees and brooms meant for sweeping the streets. The Israelis were taking a defensive position due to their small *numerical* strength, while the Jordan forces were making time for a sudden swoop.

It is stated that at this juncture, the Jordanian army and its commanders saw a strange phenomena. They saw a host of army led by two great commanders approaching towards Jordan's army. seeing this vast army, the Jordan army commanders immediately entered into peace parleys with the Israelis. While the Israelis could hardly believe their eyes, regarding this incident, the Jordan army left their arms and concluded peace and left the place. The Jordan commanders at this juncture questioned the Israel army, where the two great bearded generals were. The Israelis then said that they did not know and that they were only a few in number. But the Jordan commanders left the place, believing that the Israel army and its commanders were hiding in the valley

The branches of trees and the brooms held by the Israels appeared to be weapons, in the eyes of the Jordan army. Readers can relize that this is nothing but the intervening hand of God. It is stated that at one time the Jordan army was pestered by bees and they fled helter skelter throwing away their weapons in sheer confusion and distraction.

The Holy writ declares, that those who attack Jerusalem will suffer diverse plagues.

This is the word of the Lord, "which stretcheth forth the heavens and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the sprit of man within him" - regarding Israel.

"Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling into all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people : all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness : and I will open mine eyes upon the

house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. Zech. 12 : 1 - 4.

Further, the Lord says, "And this shall be the plague where with the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; their flesh shall consume away, while they stand upon their feet and their eyes shall consume away in their holes; and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold everyone on the hand of his neighbour and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

Therefore it must be noted that to war against Jerusalem will be suicidal.

The Lord is going to establish Jerusalem, therefore he says that we must pray till it is established.

"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day or night : ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence; . : .

And give him no rest, till he establish. and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isaiah 62 : 6 - 7.

Some are of opinion that Jerusalem will not be re-established again. This is not right.

"Cry yet, saying, thus saith the Lord of hosts; my cities through paosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem." - Zech 1 : 17.

And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again." Zech. 2 : 12.

Note the words : "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee." Psalm 122 : 6.

Therefore it is our bounden duty to pray ceaselessly till Jerusalem is reestablished.

New Jerusalem And The Sea Of Glass.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" Rev. 21 : 2.

"And there came unto me one the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last

plagues, and talked with me, saying, come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." Rev. 21 : 9 - 10.

One of the seven angels took St. John the Divine to a high mountain and showed him the New Jerusalem descending to the earth. The description of the city is as follows :-

"And her light was like unto a stone most precious even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates and at the gates twelve angels, and name written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

On the east three gates: on the north three gates; on the south three gates and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth four square, and the length is as large as the breadth; and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper : and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third a chalcedony, the fourth an emerald, the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth sardius, the seventh, chrysolete; the eight, beryl; the ninth a topaz, the tenth a chrysoprasus; the eleventh a jacinth; the twelfth an amethyst

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl : and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass Rev. 21 : 11. 21. Please read the 21st chapter for full details.

The angel showed to St. John the river of water of life pure as crystal. Therefore it is doubtless to state that the sea of glass which John saw (15 : 2) is new Jerusalem.

Those who were standing on the sea of glass were those who had their victory over the beast and his image and over his mark holding harps in their hands sang songs and glorified His name

It is therefore proved by this, that Jesus Christ will be in New Jerusalem with them. These are the saints who took part in the first resurrection. Rev. 15 : 1 - 4.

Some believe that the new Jerusalem will come down to the earth at the end of the millennium, while others are of opinion that it shall precede the millenium. These views are not correct.

It is needless to be taken to the heavens by the clouds to meet the Lord if Jesus Christ himself came down to the earth.

Therefore it is to be understood that the New Jerusalem will stand in the sky above the earth till the seven plagues are over.

Let us refresh our memories about the words of the Lord Jesus Christ

"In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there you may be also. John. 14 : 2. 3.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Rev. 23 : 12.

"Say ye to the daughter of Zion, behold thy salvation cometh, behold His reward is with him, and His work before him. Isa 62 : 11.

Therefore we see that the Lord will not come leaving behind the New Jerusalem. The fruit of life will be planted again there.

"Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers and whoremongers, and murderers and idolaters and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Rev. 22 : 15.

The Church Of God.

The name "Church of God" is not invented by man. Lord Jesus Christ himself laid its foundation. The Apostles built it and expanded it. After the ascension of Christ this name was given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Hence the apostles addressed, as the Church of God at Corinth, the Church of God at Judea. 1 Cor. 1 : 2, 2 Cor. 1 These. 2 : 14.

It is stated that Lord Jesus Christ bought this church with his own blood.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts. 20 : 28. • •

The name "Church of God" is mentioned 12 times in the New Testament. Jesus Christ is the husband and head of the Church. Ephesians 5 : 23 - 27.

Apostle Paul wrote, "beyond measure I persecuted the Church of God, and wasted it."

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Math. 16 : 18. We must know that it was the will of Jesus Christ that the church must be named after His Father in heaven. One who does not accept the Father, does not accept the son also.

"The Lord praises on his second coming, For thou...hast kept my word, and has not denied my name." Rev. 3 : 8. He further says, "I have manifested thy name unto the men, which thou gavest me out of the world." John 17 : 6.

"Holy Father, keep thorough thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17 : 11.

It is recorded in the Bible, that the people of God down through the centuries were designated by three names. First they were called the "Assembly of Jehovah" secondly the "Assembly of Israel", thirdly "Church of God." As the Israelites of old disobeyed God, the name "Assembly of Israel" turned into a word of curse.

"And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen : for the Lord God shall slay thee and call his servants by *another name* :- Isaiah 65 : 15.

Therefore this second name was removed and a third name introduced. It is stated in Isaiah 62 : 2 that a new name which the Lord shall name, will be given, this is the third name. The Apostles after establishing churches called them as the Churches of God, as moved by the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ revealed this name from heaven and hence it is acceptable in the sight of God.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them "*in thy name*" John 17 : 12. And I have declared unto them "*thy name*" and will declare it that the love where in thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. John 17 : 26.

"Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Math 15 : 13. Therefore it is to be understood that all man-made names of the churches shall not be acceptable.

The Church of God is grounded on apostolic belief. It teaches Bible baptism (immersion) repentance, atonement, resurrection of the dead, salvation only through Christ, the second coming of Christ, the millenium, leadership of the Holy Spirit, Seventhday Sabbath, Tithing, destruction of the wicked et.

Christendom of today needs reformation specially in the following beliefs (1) Sunday Worship (2) Baptism by sprinkling (3) Infant baptism (4) Good Friday (the belief that Jesus Christ was crucified on Friday.) (5) Easter Sunday (6) Christmas - the belief that Jesus Christ was born on 25th December. (This day commemorates the birthday of Tammuz the bastard son of Semiramis) This Tammuz was later turned to a deity. Ezekiel 8 : 14.

These false beliefs crept into christianity during the dark ages and they are the legacy of the Catholic Church. But it is unfortunate that the present day protestant Christians are clinging on to these beliefs, although there is no scriptural authority for the same.

Those that worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4 : 24.

The Establishment of "The Church Of God."

The Church of God was established at the beginning in Jerusalem and in course of time it was scattered. It was also called as the "Remnant Church."

It is the hope of the believers that this self-same Church will be re-established in Jerusalem a place from where it was scattered. Now the representatives of this Church have gone to Jerusalem and are preaching about Christ among the Jews here. It is heartening to note that many Jews have accepted Christ now.

It is to be noted that the Church of God (Seventh day) and the Seventh Day Adventist Church are two separate bodies. There are many points of doctrinal differences between the two; but many are confusing the two to be one. The readers are therefore requested to note the difference.

Preaching Methods.

During the time of Jesus Christ, when he was preaching he found the teachings of the then religious leaders - the Pharisees and the Saducees to be contrary to the word of God.

He said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Mathew 15 : 8, 9.

The things which are stated in the scriptures are inspired by God, but the preachers of today have misconstrued them and have changed them for the commands of men. Well has Apostle Paul said that people will heap for themselves teachers "after their own lusts."

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth. and shall be turned unto fables. " 11 Timothy 4 : 3, 4.

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you - 2 Peter 2 : 1 - 3.

We therefore leave it to the readers to decide which are man-made doctrines and which are divine inspired. •Who are false prophets • and false teachers? . . .

Some are not discerning the present day truth and are not willing to leave their traditional teaching and come out. Let us see what prophet Isaiah has to say on this.

“Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy: neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid. •

“Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.
“Isaiah 8 : 12 - 13.

Christians in this manner have created a confederacy and are not giving room for truth and refusing to come out boldly. They are not heeding this warning and are not afraid of God. This is really deplorable.

Those who wrest the scriptures will have no light in them. “To the law and to the testimony. if they speak not according to this word, It is because there is no light in them. “Isaiah 8 : 20.

Let us see what Jesus Christ told about the scribes and Pharisees :-

“But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*

neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.
 Mathew 23 : 13.

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make his twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.”
 Math 23 : 15.

Let us see what the Lord says in Luke;

“Woe unto you, lawyers for he have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and then that were entering in ye hindered.” Luke 11 : 52.

The readers are requested to discern who are the persons who are opposing the truth.

CONCLUSION.

Two thousand years ago, the disciples of Lord Jesus Christ asked him for signs concerning the end of this age and also concerning his second coming. We have proved scripturally that all the prophecies have fulfilled. His second coming and the end of this age are imminent and signs are pointing towards those events. Apostle Peter wrote that the end of all things has come. 1 Peter 4 : 7.

The world is now in a critical state. In view of the happenings we know that nobody can solve the problems facing the world.

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